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RABAT FOR NEWSOM

E.O. 11652, GDS

TAGS: MILI, LY

SUBJECT: C-130 AIRCRAFT FOR LIBYA

REF: RABAT 4864

SUMMARY: LOCKHEED HAS INFORMED DEPT THAT LARG PRESSING TO
SEND CONTRACT CREWS TO PICK UP C-130 DUE FOR NOVEMBER
DELIVERY.

ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY ASSESSMENT AND RECOMMENDATION
RE LICENSE ISSUANCE.

1. IN ACCORDANCE REFTEL LOCKHEED INFORMED ORALLY NOVEMBER
8 THAT EXPORT LICENSE FOR FOUR C-130 AIRCRAFT STILL UNDER
CONSIDERATION.

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2. UNDER COVER NOVEMBER 14 LETTER LOCKHEED SUBMITTED
APPLICATION FOR EXPORT LICENSE FOR THE ONE C-130H AIR-
CRAFT DUE DELIVERY BEFORE END OF NOVEMBER AND INDICATED
THEY PREPARED SUBMIT ADDITIONAL APPLICATIONS ON MONTH-

BY-MONTH BASIS.

3. LETTER STATES IN PART: "WE CONTRACTUALLY REQUIRED

NOTIFY LARG PRIOR TO END NOVEMBER IF WE HAVE BEEN UN-SUCCESSFUL IN OBTAINING NECESSARY EXPORT LICENSE SO THAT BUYER MAY HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO OBTAIN SAID LICENSE BEFORE SCHEDULED DELIVERY DATE. IT IS INTENTION OF LAAF TO UTILIZE LOCKHEED FLIGHT CREWS UNDER CONTRACT AS PART OF IN-COUNTRY TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TEAM TO RETURN TO US, ACCEPT AIRCRAFT AND FLY THEM BACK TO LIBYA. NOVEMBER 5, 9 AND TODAY (14), ROOKER, LOCKHEED DIRECTOR IN TRIPOLI, COMMUNICATED BY TELEPHONE THAT COL. FERJANI HAS REQUESTED INFORMATION CONCERNING SCHEDULED DELIVERY DATE OF FIRST AIRCRAFT. WE HAVE MADE NO REPLY EXCEPT TO SAY SPECIFIC DATE NOT YET DETERMINED. ACCORDING ROOKER, FERJANI'S REQUESTS BECOMING INCREASINGLY MORE INSISTENT TO POINT THAT LOCKHEED CANNOT AVOID DISCLOSURE OF SITUATION WITHIN NEXT SEVERAL DAYS."

4. LOCKHEED REP STATES LARG HAS NOT BEEN INFORMED THAT EXPORT LICENSE HAS NOT BEEN OBTAINED. DEPT HAS NOT GIVEN LOCKHEED ANY INDICATION THAT LICENSE WILL BE ISSUED. ON THE CONTRARY, LOCKHEED HAS BEEN CONSISTENTLY ADVISED THAT ON BALANCE CHANCES WERE AGAINST ISSUANCE. DEPT HAS NOT PLACED ANY ADDITIONAL EMBARGO ON ARAB COUNTRIES AS RESULT OF HOSTILITIES, ALTHOUGH ARMS EXPORT APPROVALS ONLY GIVEN AFTER HIGH LEVEL REVIEW PENDING OVERALL POLICY DETERMINATION. FOR EXAMPLE, LICENSE ISSUED NOVEMBER 14 FOR TWO KC-130 TANKERS FOR SAUDI ARABIA.

5. EMBASSY REQUESTED ASSESS CURRENT SITUATION, MAKE RECOMMENDATION AND GIVE LIKELY CONSEQUENCES, IF ANY, OF POSITIVE, NEGATIVE OR CONTINUED "UNDER CONSIDERATION" DECISIONS RUSH

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